

AMENDMENT

U.S. Appln. No. 09/964,338

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is being amended as follows:

Page 1, before line 3,

"This is a Divisional of Application Serial No. 09/000,442, filed May 19, 1998 (now allowed U.S. Patent 6,340,574), which is a 371 of PCT/AU96/00472, filed June 26, 1996. The disclosures of each of which are incorporated herein by reference."

Page 4, lines 1-15,

"By expressly linking the DNA sequence(s) encoding the protein, polypeptide and/or peptide factor(s) required for growth of the host cell to an inducible or regulated promoter, the expression of the protein, polypeptide and/or peptide growth factor(s) can be controllably regulated so that production of the factor(s) may be limited only to the stage of culturing where growth is required. As indicated, controllable regulation may be achieved by using an inducible promoter sequence (e.g. the Metallothionein IIA promoter) or by including a transcription-regulatory sequence (e.g. a repressor binding region such as from the lac repressor/operator system as modified for mammals: Hu and Davidson, 1987, and Kozak, 1986). Such transcription regulatory sequence(s) may be located at any location where it can exert a regulatory effect on expression from the second promoter. For example, the transcription regulatory sequence(s) may be located between the TATAA (SEQ ID NO:4) box and the transcription start site or, alternatively, between the transcription start site and the AUG start codon."